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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI'S INTEREST
IN MALDIVES

REF: STATE 64878

1. AIR CEYLON AND AIR MALDIVES FLY BETWEEN MALE
AND COLOMBO. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE FLIGHT EACH WAY
EVERY DAY EXCEPT THURSDAY. ON WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY,
AND SUNDAY ROUND-TRIP IS POSSIBLE IN ONE DAY (LEAVE
COLOMBO 0630, ARRIVE MALE 0815, LEAVE MALE 1430
(1515 ON FRIDAY), ARRIVE COLOMBO 1730 (1800 ON FRIDAY).

2. ROUND-TRIP FARE IS \$98.

3. SRI LANKA AIR FORCE ALSO OPERATES CHARTER
FLIGHTS: CESSNA (THREE PASSENGERS), \$450; RILEY (12
PASSENGERS), \$900; CONVAIR (36 PASSENGERS), \$2000.

4. HOTELS ON BANDOS AND VILLINGILI TOURIST ISLANDS:
SINGLE, \$25; DOUBLE, \$30.

5. PLEASE SEE COLOMBO 897 FOR ROUND-UP ON RECENT
OUSTER OF PRIME MINISTER MALDIVES. PLANES ARE
FLYING NORMALLY AND TOURIST TRAFFIC CONTINUES. WE
SEE NO PROBLEM IN HOLIDAY TRAVEL FOR CONGRESSMAN
AND MRS. DERWINSKI, BUT CONCEIVABLY SOME OBSTACLE
COULD ARISE IF THEY SOUGHT TO CALL ON MALDIVIAN
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OF ANY DIFFICULTY.
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